

# **APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

***PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.***

- 1. Project Title:** Infrastructure Water Line Looping Improvements at the Mill Creek Employment Center
- 2. Organization Name and address:** City of Salem, 555 Liberty Street SE, Salem, Oregon, 97301
- 3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**
- 4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):** Located in Southeast Salem along Kuebler Blvd between I-5 and State Highway 22.
- 5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

The City of Salem is a municipal corporation, conducting government business on behalf of its citizens.

- 6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

The Mill Creek Employment Center, located in the southeast corner of the Salem urban growth boundary, is one of the largest industrial properties with undeveloped acreage along the I-5 corridor in the Northwest. The project is a joint partnership between the City of Salem and State of Oregon. Approximately 650 acres in size, the site has flat topography, direct access to regional transportation facilities, including I-5, highway 22, the Salem rail facilities, the Port of Portland, and proximity to a large labor force. At build out, the project can accommodate employment for up to 5,000 people.

The proposed Infrastructure Water Line Looping Improvements consist of a 9,000 linear foot water pipe (18 feet in diameter) extending from Deer Park Road to Aumsville Highway within the Mill Creek Employment Center. The improvements are needed to increase the water pressure for fire safety and expanded use for over 500 hundred developable industrial acres at the Mill Creek Employment center, and contribute to providing the same benefit to sixty acres of industrial development at the Salem Renewably Energy and Technology Park, and the nearby Marion County Jail, the Oregon Police Academy, and the Oregon Men's Correction Institution.

Development on a portion of the Mill Creek property and Salem Renewable Energy Park projects are already underway, however this water line looping project is needed in order for these properties to fully develop.

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No.**

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding. N/A.**

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**

Economic Development Initiatives account.

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

The primary purpose of the Mill Creek Employment Center and the Salem Renewable Energy Park is job creation. When completed these properties are expected to generate private development that will 1) create 5,000+ jobs, 2) invest one billion dollars in the regional economy, 3) transfer nearly 600 acres from public to private ownership, 4) create 110 acres of wetland and open space.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who? Yes. Senators Wyden and Merkley.**

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$2.7 million**

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$2.0 million**

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Salem Mill Creek Tax Increment Funds in the amount of \$700,000.

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? Yes.**

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

**[Note: This information is coming]**

Funds Requested for Project	\$2,400,000
Administrative Program Funds	<u>300,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$2,700,000

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:** This project has been supported by both the City of Salem and the State of Oregon. The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) and the U.S. Department of Commerce, through the Economic Development Administration have already pledged financial support through grants and loans of specific components of the Mill Creek Employment Center.

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):**

Yes. If partial funds were awarded, the City of Salem would proceed forward with portion of the project with existing Urban Renewal tax increment funding.